

Human Nature Is What Makes a Peace Conference Break Up In a Row and The Same Thing Makes Socialism an Idle Dream

KAISER TURNS HIS U-BOATS DOSE ON ALL SHIPPING

Unrestricted Submarine Warfare Will Begin Today

BARRED ZONES ESTABLISHED

Hope of Peace Gone and United States Confronted by Serious Situation.

Washington, Feb. 1.—At noon today Secretary Lansing arrived at the white house with what was reported to be the reply of the state department to Germany's declaration of unrestricted submarine warfare.

Washington, Jan. 31.—Germany has declared unrestricted submarine warfare.

A starvation blockade of England, the like of which the world never has seen, was announced to the world today in notes delivered to American Ambassador Gerard in Berlin and to the state department here by Count von Bernstorff.

Talk of peace in Europe and means of preserving the peace of the world have gone glimmering. President Wilson, incredulous at first when the unofficial text of Germany's warning

for the official document, which had just been presented to Secretary Lansing by the German ambassador, Mr. Lausung absolutely refused to make a comment. President Wilson began at once a careful study of the document.

The note, which was handed to James W. Gerard, the American ambassador, reads: "Your excellency had the kindness to communicate on the 22nd of this month the message which the President of the United States on the same day addressed to the American senate. The imperial government took knowledge of the contents of the message with that earnest attention which is becoming to the explanations of the President, inspired by his sense of responsibility.

"It affords her great satisfaction to state that the general lines of this remarkable manifestation in the widest sense agree with the principles and wishes of Germany and her allies. To these belong in the first place the right of self government and the equal rights of all nations. Recognizing this principle, Germany would gladly welcome it if nations like Ireland and India, which do not enjoy the blessings of an independent state, should now obtain liberty.

"Alliances which drive nations into competition for hegemony and incline them towards any selfish intrigues are likewise refused by the German people. On the other hand it is enthusiastic for co-operation in all endeavors which aim at the prevention of future wars. The freedom of the seas as a preliminary condition for free and peaceful intercourse between nations, as well as the open door for trade, always have been guiding principles of German policy.

"Germany, in the peace to be concluded with Belgium, merely wanted to take precautionary measures so that that country, with which the imperial government wishes to live in good neighborly relations, could not be exploited by adversaries for the promotion of hostile attempts. Such a precaution is all the more urgently needed, since hostile persons in power in repeated speeches and especially in the resolutions of the Paris economic conference, declared their unqualified intention even after the restoration of peace (not?) to recognize Germany as of equal right, but rather continue to fight in systematic fashion.

"The attempt of the four allied powers to bring about peace failed on account of the lust of conquest of their adversaries who (do not?) want peace. Under the pretext of the principle of nationalities they unveiled as their aim a systematic and deliberate policy of aggression against Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria. To our desire for reconciliation they opposed their will. They want to fight to the last.

"Thus a new situation has sprung up which forces Germany also to new decisions. For two years and a half England adopted political and naval measures in a criminal attempt to force Germany and Austria-Hungary to submission. Brutally, despite the laws of nations, the group of powers marshaled by England not only carried out a systematic trade of its adversaries, but by reckless pressure even on neutral states it stops all trade relations (not?) agreeable to it, or forces them to limit their trade according to its orders.

"The American nation knows the means taken in order to move England and her allies to return to the laws of nations and to respect the law of freedom of the seas. The British government persists in its war of starvation, which certainly does not touch the military strength of its adversaries, but which forces women and children, the sick and aged persons to undergo painful privations for their country's sake which are harming the national vitality.

"Thus British imperialism in cold blood accentuates the suffering of the world without regard for every command of humanity, without regard for the protest of severely damaged neutrals, without regard even for the silent longing for peace within the nations of its own allies. Every day in which the fearful struggle goes on brings new devastation, new misery, new deaths. Every day by which the war is shortened will preserve on both sides the lives of thousands of brave soldiers, and means a blessing for the tortures of tortured humanity.

The imperial government before its own conscience and before history would be unable to assume the responsibility if it left untended any one means to hasten the end of the war. Together with the President of the United States it has hoped to obtain this aim by negotiations.

"The attempt to establish an understanding between the adversaries having been answered by the announcement of intensified warfare, the imperial government must now continue the war for existence once more forced upon it by using its weapons. The imperial government, therefore, is forced to do away with the restrictions which until now it has imposed upon the use of fighting means on the sea.

"Trusting that the American people and its government will be alive to these reasons for this decision and for its necessity, the imperial government hopes that the United States will appreciate the new state of affairs from the lofty and exalted standpoint of the imperial government and on its part will also co-operate in order to avoid further misery and avoidable sacrifices of human lives.

"Referring as to details of the planned war measures at sea, the war was brought to him at once called

COLLECTOR LIFTS ORDER CLOSING NEW YORK PORT

Expected Restriction Will Go Into Effect Again Tonight

ORDERS FROM WASHINGTON

Two Destroyers Stationed Off Port To Enforce Observance of Neutrality Laws.

New York, Feb. 1.—After stationing a police guard over the German steamers interned at Hoboken and other docks in the vicinity the order issued by Collector Malone closing the port of New York was lifted today. It is expected that the order will go into effect again tonight as it did last night. The order closing the port is reported to have come from Washington. Two destroyers are stationed off the port to enforce the neutrality laws.

New York, Feb. 1.—Orders were issued to the torpedo boat stationed at quarantine to preserve neutrality and not to permit any vessel, either neutral or flying the flag of one of the belligerents, to pass out last night.

The order applied not only to steamships but to tugboats. Several tugboats which passed quarantine early in the evening before the order was issued were compelled to return to port. The purpose of the order was not disclosed.

Commander Upham, aide to Admiral Usher, commander of the New York Navy Yard, declined to comment in any way upon the order.

It was learned late tonight that the order closing the Port of New York was issued by Dudley Field Malone, Collector of the Port, in whom is vested absolute authority and sole responsibility for the maintenance of the neutrality of this port.

Rumors that the crews of the German ships interned at Hoboken attempted to scuttle the vessels and destroy the machinery in the event of war, sprang up everywhere last evening as soon as the German note was made public. Collector of the Port Dudley Field Malone, whose Neutrality Squad is in charge of the supervision of the ships, called up Chief of Police Patrick Hayes of Hoboken, who was attending the annual patrolmen's ball, and the Chief, with half dozen plainclothes men, left the dance and hurried down to the piers to reinforce the eleven men of the Neutrality Squad on guard there. Deputy Collector George F. Lamb was present.

A thorough search made by the neutrality guards under Roundsman Miles disclosed no evidence of any preparations to justify the rumors. The Hamburg-American and North German Lloyd liners have been tied up at the piers for two years and a half, during which time there has been no opportunity to dress out the ships, so it was said that they were practically lying in the mud, and that scuttling them would be rather pointless.

German government at the same time begs to express its confidence that the American government will warn American ships against entering the barred zones described in the annex and also will warn its citizens against taking passage on or confiding goods to ships plying to ports in the barred zone.

Worms Easily Removed

Mother, if your child whines, is fretful and cries out in sleep, he is probably suffering from worms. These parasites drain his vitality, and make him more susceptible to serious diseases. Quickly and safely kill and remove the worms from your child's system with Kickapoo Worm Killer. This pleasant candy laxative in tablet form quickly relieves the trouble and your child brightens up. Get Kickapoo Worm Killer at your Druggist, 25c.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

LOST—Black Scotch Collie dog. Finder please return to Eli Archer, Park Street extension and receive reward. 10316\*

LOST—Between Gage and Main streets a gold brown tiger eye cameo ring. Finder please return to Burt Bros. store and receive reward. 10316

WANTED—House maid who can cook. Apply Mrs. J. J. Shalshober, 207 South St. 10317

FOR SALE—My residence and tenements on account of moving from town. If interested call Thursday a. m. or Monday p. m. at 230 Union street. 10317

LOST OR STRAYED—A shepherd dog, answers to the name of Jeff. Finder please return to 117 Jefferson Ave. 10317.

COUNTY OFFICIALS TAKE OATH

February 1 Date Set for Change of Administration.

This is the day, February 1, on which the county officials take the oath of office and enter upon their terms of two years. In nearly every instance the officials who have served in Bennington county during the past two years succeed themselves. The most notable change in the list is the retiring of Assistant Judge Crosby A. Perry of Readsboro at the conclusion of his third term. Judge Perry, during the years that he has been identified with the court, has been an exceptional official and the transaction of the business that has fallen to him has been characterized by thoroughness and economy. His relations with the officials of the court have been particularly pleasant and agreeable.

The new assistant judge is Edmond Lafranchise, who has been identified with the commercial life of Bennington for many years, who has represented the south side of Bennington county in the state senate and who has taken an active interest in the public affairs of the town and county.

County Clerk Shalshober, State's Attorney Frank C. Archibald and Sheriff Frederick Godfrey, all succeed themselves as do the probate judges, Edward C. Bennett of Bennington and Edward Griffith of Manchester.

The high bailiff, the only man who can arrest the sheriff, is Truman Mattison of Woodford.

MOVIE NOTES

Up-to-Date News of Filmland and Film Actors.

Alice Brady receives so many letters from young girls asking for her picture and autograph that she has been obliged to engage a private secretary to see her correspondence properly attended to. Miss Alice devotes two evenings in each week to writing her name on photographs, and thanks goodness there are no more syllables in "Brady."

Nearly all of the late Broadway stage successes have in their casts one or more celluloid personalities. Irving Cummings is playing in "Objection, Matrimony," Bruce McRae in "Come Out of the Kitchen," and William Merritt in "Miss Springtime." In Los Angeles Neal Burns is doubling in celluloid—playing the lead in "The Yankee Prince" at night and capering in Christie comedies while the sun is doing business.

The "Threads of Fate," Metro-Columbia feature photo-drama, with Viola Dana as star, Cameraman John Arnold, at the suggestion of Eugene Nowland, who directed the picture, has accomplished a remarkable feat of photography. There are seven double exposures on one film. Fifteen times the same place went through the camera and if there had been a variation of the thousandth of an inch in the way Cameraman Arnold fed it through the camera, it would have been ruined, and the interesting effect planned by Director Nowland and executed by Nowland would have been spoiled.

Gladya Coburn made her debut in William Fox pictures in "The Primitive Call." Miss Coburn is practically a newcomer to the "movies," for she had been acting only a few months when Mr. Fox saw her on the screen and engaged her for the lead in this picture. Gladya Coburn was born in Paducah, Ky., the state which has furnished the Fox company several of its best actors. Miss Coburn studied in a school of dramatic expression, and made her stage debut with Frank Craven in "Too Many Cooks." This was the beginning of eighteen months' work on the stage.

"That eloquent and artistic purveyor of publicity at World Film son," said the Orator, "is authority for the statement, the which I have no reason to doubt, that, on Thanksgiving eve, Carlyle Blackwell's Great Dane went forth and abstracted from a butchershop an eighteen pound turkey which he proceeded to eat. It cost Carlyle \$7.20."

"That dog would be a valuable acquisition," said the Gentle Critic, "to any well regulated and perfectly honest family, if he had been taught to retrieve."

The bars are up against the nude in movies. Truth may be thinly clad, but hereafter the human form must be discreetly draped in all screen productions. Thus decreed the motion picture producers who met recently in New York to discuss the means for countering the growing demand for movie censorship. D. W. Griffith, producer of "The Birth of a Nation," called the meeting of the producers. Their decision was finally that the only way to combat censorship is by establishing a high standard for themselves.

The formation of a motion picture league which will establish an irreducible minimum to govern costumes in future picture productions was urged by Mr. Griffith. "The first of these standards will be the rule that from this time forward all naked figures will be barred from the screen productions," it was announced. Other equally rigid rules are contemplated which will assure that no film will be offensive to good taste or decency.

TO FILL VACANCIES IN OFFICE OF U. S. SENATOR

Cudworth Bill Unanimously Passed By the House This Morning

RETAIN AGRICULTURAL SCHOOLS

State House Stirred by Rumors That Commissioner Titcomb Would Resign.

Montpelier, Feb. 1.—The house today passed the bill introduced by Representative Cudworth of Londonderry providing for special elections to fill vacancies in the office of United States senator.

The house also adopted unanimously the joint resolution to maintain the Randolph and Lyndon agricultural schools. The resolution was endorsed in excellent speeches by Representatives Metzger of Randolph and Fenton of Rutland.

Montpelier, Jan. 31.—Although Commissioner John W. Titcomb stated specifically tonight that he had not resigned from the head of the department of fish and game it became known at the state house that he had served an ultimatum on the committee on state and court expenses, of which Representative Fenton is chairman, and also on Gov. Graham, which is in effect a salary raise to \$3000 a year or quit. Inasmuch as the committee is known to be opposed to over \$2000 salary, or \$2500 at the outside, it seems fair to assume that the office will be vacant in a few days.

Mr. Titcomb is known to have received an offer to supervise the fish culture of an important eastern state and will undoubtedly accept the offer within a short time.

Another big batch of bills will reach the House and Senate tomorrow among which is the Dutton "movie" bill, favorably reported with amendment, which prohibits "the showing of pictures which are obscene or immoral, the presentation of an obscene or immoral show, vaudeville or entertainment." The penalty for violation is three months in jail or a fine of \$200 or both.

The Senate committee, however, reports the "movie" age limit for children measure unfavorably and the attempt to regulate all corporations furnishing water for domestic purposes will also be reported adversely.

The temperance committee voted favorably on two bills, one to prevent drinking on railroad trains, steamboats, etc., and the other to forbid doctors from giving prescriptions, calling for more than half a pint of liquor, in 24 hours.

Bills selected for slaughter in the House include the measure for licensing stationary engineers, for limiting motor vehicles on bridges, for purchase of text books by the state and to prohibit misrepresentation in the sale of fur garments.

Among the new bills in the house are the following:

H. 171, by Mr. Cunningham of Norton; amending trout law by adding "or golden trout" and making legal length of lake trout and landlocked salmon 15 inches instead of 12.

H. 173, by Mr. Gill of Springfield; relating to headlights and spot lights on vehicles; limits lights to four candle power light to be arranged that no portion of reflected light at 75 feet ahead of the lamps shall rise 42 inches from the level surface on which the vehicle stands; spot lights to be used only in projecting rays directly on the ground and at a distance not exceeding 30 feet in front.

H. 174, by Mr. Barrett of Cabot; relating to the appointment of county and deputy fish and game wardens; providing for appointment annually by selectmen in December of from one to three deputy fish and game wardens.

H. 175, by Mr. Hunt of Danville; relating to fines for violations of the laws regulating the operation of motor vehicles, providing for a moiety for complainants; one-half of fine to be paid to complainant if more than one complainant on same case, moiety to be divided equally or as the prosecuting attorney shall deem just.

H. 176, by Mr. Osgood of Rockingham; relating to the prevention of venereal diseases, and to authorize an educational campaign by the state board of health.

H. 178, by Mr. Moore of Plymouth; relating to the appointment of fish and game wardens; abolishing the office of county and deputy fish and game wardens, and fixing the salaries for appointment by the commissioner, not more than 15 fish and game wardens, who shall have state jurisdiction; to hold office during pleasure of commissioner; salary to be \$1000 per year, in lieu of all fees; and all the time of wardens to be devoted to their duties.

H. 180, by Mr. Hale of Dover; re-

WILL SINK HOSPITAL SHIPS

Germany Claims They Have Violated International Laws.

Berlin, Jan. 31, by Wireless to Sayville.—The admiralty today made the following announcement: "The German government has convincing evidence in hand that hostile hospital ships frequently are misused for the transportation of ammunition and troops. The governments by diplomatic means. At the same time it declared that hospital ships passing on the military route of the hostile army engaged in France and Belgium, within the lines Flamborough Head-Terschelling, on the one hand, and the Thames-Land's End on the other, shall be no more treated as such. Hostile powers are free to use hospital ships for the transportation of wounded and sick army members on ways outside this district. The barring of other sea routes is reserved in case of further misuse of hospital ships in violation of international law."

BENNINGTON OR BRATTLEBORO

Will Get State Pennant for Selling Most Red Cross Seals

H. W. Stocum, Secretary of the Vermont Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, announced last week that up to date he had received \$25,250 from the sale of Christmas Seals in this state. The returns are still coming in from the most successful sale of seals ever held.

When the final returns are in, the Vermont Association is to award two pennants; one for the town of 5000 inhabitants or more that sells the largest number of seals in proportion to the population; the other to the town of less than 5000 inhabitants having the largest per capita sale.

The race for the pennant is apparently between Brattleboro and Bennington for the towns of over 5000 inhabitants. The contest is so close between these two towns that \$2 or \$3 will swing victory. Brattleboro has sold \$228, which is 4 3-10 seals for every inhabitant and Bennington \$269, which is 4 2-10 seals for every inhabitant. The Women's Club of Bennington sold 22,000 seals during the course of the campaign, which is the largest number ever sold by a women club in this state. The Women's Club of Brattleboro are right on their heels with 21,000 sales to their credit.

Burlington has sold 45,000 seals which is 2 4-10 seals for every inhabitant. Rutland has sold 36,000 seals or 2 6-10 seals for every inhabitant. Last year Brattleboro sold the largest number of seals, selling \$225 worth while Burlington sold but \$187.64 worth.

PRACTICAL HEALTH HINT.

Know Your Condition.

Careful investigations have shown that the physically perfect man is almost impossible to find. Almost every one who has reached the age of thirty has some impairment or defect of his body.

It may be only a defective tooth or a single digestive disturbance, or it may be trouble with the kidneys that will develop into Bright's disease if it is not attended to promptly.

Out of 2000 men and women examined 70 per cent were found to have impairments of a more or less serious nature, while all the remaining 30 per cent had some defects of a minor character.

Are you sure you are physically perfect? If you are not, you had better arrange for a careful medical examination. Little defects or impairments if neglected may cause untold suffering and loss. Discover them in time by having your body inspected.

"Karynaka," a combination of two words signifying water and wood, from which the name Jamaica is derived, describes exactly the characteristics of the island.

lating to witness and jurors fees to be \$2 per day.

H. 181, by Mr. Dunham of Brattleboro; relating to cemeteries, provides for repairs by selectmen.

H. 182, by Mr. Perrin of Hartford; to provide that cattle within the state be tested with tuberculin.

H. 183, by Mr. Bronson of Shaftsbury; to appropriate a certain sum for the extermination of grasshoppers; appropriates \$1000 for the purpose of exterminating grasshoppers; to be expended under direction of the commissioner of agriculture.

Lingering Coughs Are Dangerous

Get rid of that tickling cough that keeps you awake at night and drains your vitality and energy. Dr. King's New Discovery is a pleasant balsam remedy, antiseptic, laxative and promptly effective. It soothes the irritated membrane and kills the cold germs; your cough is soon relieved. Delay is dangerous—get Dr. King's New Discovery at once. For nearly fifty years it has been the favorite remedy for gripe, croup, coughs and colds. Get a bottle today at your Druggist, 50c.

BENNINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETING

Annual Gathering Last Evening Was Largely Attended

CHIEF SEARS IS RE-ELECTED

Only One Change in List of Officers Who Served During the Past Year.

With the prospect of contest over the election of one of the assistant engineers, the members of the Bennington first department turned out in force for the annual meeting which was held at the rooms of the Stark hose company Wednesday evening.

The meeting was called to order by the president, William P. Hogan, and Clerk Edward Shanahan read the minutes of the last annual meeting. The report of the treasurer, Warren Waite, showed that the department treasury was overburdened to the extent of 22 cents. The election of officers resulted as follows:

President, William P. Hogan. Vice president, William J. Lonergan.

Secretary, Edward Shanahan. Treasurer, Warren Waite.

Chief engineer, William E. Sears. First assistant engineer, J. Henry Pratt.

Second assistant engineer, Edward S. Briggs.

All of the officers were elected by acclamation with the exception of first assistant engineer. For this office there were two candidates, Mr. Pratt, who is the present first assistant, and William Barber. The chair appointed the foreman of the four companies to act as tellers and the voting was by the membership lists of the different companies. The vote stood, Barber, 19; Pratt, 35.

The report of the chief engineer showed that the department had been called out for 16 alarms during the year, 10 by the bell signal, 4 by telephone and 2 for lost children. The loss as shown by the report totaled \$13,669.88 with insurance \$13,968.88.

The chief engineer recommends that the village purchase the building occupied by the Putnam hose company and also secure land in the vicinity of the Eagle hose house and relocate the building. He also recommends the purchase of 500 feet of hose for the reason that the price is continually advancing. He also calls attention to the condition of the fire alarm system and suggests that it receive more care in the future than has been the case in the past.

The report also gives an inventory of the department property and a detailed statement of the individual fires and the losses and insurance.

WEATHER FORECAST

For eastern New York and western Vermont probably rain tonight and Friday. Friday much colder.

SOUTH SHAFTSBURY

The prima and intermediate rooms will hold a food sale Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the school house.

ESTATE OF EDWIN FOLLAND

STATE OF VERMONT. The Honor-

able Probate Court for the District of Bennington, ss. I, the Clerk of said Court, do hereby certify that the estate of Edwin Folland, late of Bennington in said District, deceased, is as follows:

GREETING: WHEREAS, said Court has assigned the 9th day of February, next, for examining and allowing the account of the executor of the estate of said deceased, and for a decree of the said Court as to the said account, and the said Court has ordered that public notice thereof be given to all persons interested in said estate by publishing this order three weeks successively previous to the day assigned in said Court for the examination of said account, to-wit: the 9th day of January, 1917.

THEREFORE, you are hereby notified to appear at the Probate Office in Bennington on said day, on the day assigned, then and there to contest the allowance of said account if you see cause, and to establish your right as heir, legatee and lawful claimant to said estate.

Given under my hand, this 17th day of January, 1917.

AMY E. HARBOUR, Register

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